



Southern District
Institute of Transportation Engineers



SDITE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2006
MARRIOTT HOTEL, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by SDITE President Steve Strength at 8:30 AM.

II. TRIBUTE TO DECEASED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

SDITE President Strength recognized the deceased member of SDITE since the last Annual Meeting. Those were:

Marble Hensley (TN), Vic McSwain (AL), Jimmy Downs and Blaise Carrier (both friends of the Deep South Section from Louisiana) and Al Williford (NC).

II. FINAL CALL FOR BALLOTS

SDITE President Strength issued a final call for Ballots. He then directed the Tellers Committee to tally the Ballots and return with the results.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2005 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The minutes from the April 12, 2005 Business Meeting in Savannah, Georgia were reviewed. No corrections were noted.

V. DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

- **SDITE President Strength** gave an overview of his goals for the year. Those included having a successful Annual Meeting in Jackson, continuation of the Strategic Goal effort, reviewing the financial structure of SDITE and plans for the coordination of technical activities.
- **SDITE Vice President Colin Kinton** reviewed his role for the year as well as presentation of the financial reports for 2005. He indicated he was looking forward to working on the District's Strategic Plan.
- **SDITE Secretary-Treasurer Craig Hanchey** indicated that Colin Kinton had prepared the financial reports for the previous year and no activity had occurred during the first months of 2006.
- **SDITE Secretary-Treasurer Craig Hanchey** stated that all ballots for the election of new officers were distributed prior to the meeting.

- **Past President** Bob Murphy indicated that he would be taking on the required responsibilities of a Past President including chairing the Nominations Committee for 2008 officers.
- **International Director** Kenny Voorhies reminded the Sections to take advantage of the Webinars that ITE has been offering on various technical topics.
- **Vice Presidential Candidates** – International ITE Vice Presidential Candidates Alf Guebert and Rod Kelly each gave presentations on their candidacies.

VI. DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

SDITE President Strength recognized the chairs of the various SDITE committees. The reports presented included the following:

- **Annual Meeting Local Arrangements** –LAC Chairman Hibbett Neel welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He also discussed the required relocation of the District Annual Meeting from Biloxi to Jackson due to Hurricane Katrina. He indicated the theme of the meeting was the recovery efforts in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi from Hurricane Katrina. He reported that attendance was good and the meeting should be a financial success.
- **Annual Meeting Statistics** –Slade Exley gave a preliminary estimate of the attendance and stated that a complete report would be compiled with the detailed statistics for the Annual Meeting prior to the December Board Meeting.
- **Audit** (chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer) - Chair Craig Hanchey indicated that the Audit Committee had reviewed the financial records from 2005 and were found to be in order.
- **Awards Committee** (chaired by the Past President) – Chair Stan Polanis reported that all of the District awards would be presented at the Annual Banquet except for the Joseph M. Thomas Young Member Award. The Young Member Award was presented at the opening session because the winner had to leave the meeting prior to the banquet.
- **Education/Student Chapters** – the following awards for the year were selected:

Outstanding Student Chapter – Clemson University
 Runner-Up – NC State and Georgia Tech
 Best Undergraduate Student Paper – Preston Denson (University of Mississippi)
 Best Graduate Student Paper – James Heyward Mattox (Clemson University)

The Clemson University report will be forwarded to ITE as SDITE's nomination for ITE's Student Chapter Award.

- **Historical Records** – Chair Bob Stammer suggested that the District look at moving more toward electronic records.

- **Membership** – Craig Hanchey reported that as of February 28th, there were 1,382 voting members in the District. Counting students, affiliates and esteemed colleagues the total was 1,945.
- **Nominations** – Chair Rick Day presented a written report of the nominees for 2007 officers. Those nominated were:

President – Colin Kinton (SC)
 Vice-President – Craig Hanchey (TN)
 Secretary-Treasurer – Valerie Henchel (VA) and Karen Mohammadi (KY)

- **Professional Development** – no report
- **Publications** – no report
- **Safety** – no report
- **Site Selection** – Chair Hollis Loveday listed the future annual meeting sites. Future annual meeting sites are:

2007 – Knoxville, TN (April 22-25)
 2008 – Charleston, SC (March 30-April 2)
 2009 – Birmingham, Alabama
 2010 – Portsmouth, VA
 2011 – Louisiana
 2012 – North Carolina
 2013 – Kentucky
 2014 - Georgia

- **Technical Council** – no report.
- **Web-Site Task Force** - SDITE President Steve Strength noted that the Chair, David Robinson, was resigning from the committee after many years of service. He indicated that Mike Reese would be the contact for the immediate future.
- **Student Scholarship Traffic Bowl** – Chair James Foster asked each of the Sections to report to him on the method they are using to select their teams. SDITE President Strength stated that any feedback from this year’s traffic bowl would be given to future LACs.
- **Strategic Planning** – Chair Richard Atkins reported on the organizational meeting held in Knoxville and then presented an overview of the effort and announced the champions for each area. Champions for each area are:

Technical Knowledge – Martin Bretherton
 Member and Section Services – Darrell Skipper
 Work Force Development – Bill Seymore
 Leadership Development – Brent McKinney

Information, Communications and Outreach – John Van Winkle

Chair Atkins announced that a working session for each of the areas would be held on Wednesday morning during the Annual Meeting.

XII. SECTION REPORTS

- **Alabama Section** – Robby Anderson reviewed the report on the activities of the Alabama Section. The ALSITE scholarship fund is now at over \$111,000. Alabama will be updating its strategic plan during 2006.
- **Deep South** – Brian Fulton reviewed DSITE's report on the activities of the Deep South Section. The section was tremendously impacted by Hurricane Katrina and thanked everyone for their support and flexibility in moving the District Annual Meeting from Biloxi to Jackson.
- **Georgia** – John Funny presented an oral report on the activities of the Georgia Section. He noted that Georgia now has 18 committees and recently participated in an Engineering Academy for High School Students.
- **Kentucky** – Bill Seymore reviewed the report for the Kentucky Section. He indicated that Kentucky recently held a meeting at the University of Kentucky and would participate in a joint meeting with the Ohio Section in Cincinnati.
- **North Carolina Section** – Bill Martin reviewed the report submitted for the Section. He outlined the 2006 strategic initiatives, goals and objectives for NCSITE.
- **South Carolina** – Colin Kinton summarized the written report submitted by the South Carolina Section. He noted that South Carolina now awards three \$1,000 student scholarships. He also stated that the South Carolina Section is working hard in preparation for the 2007 District Annual Meeting to be held in Charleston.
- **Tennessee** – Hollis Loveday presented the Tennessee Section report. He noted that TSITE held a joint meeting with the Kentucky Section and a joint meeting with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Planning Association in 2005 and in 2006 they would hold a joint meeting with ITS Georgia and ITS Tennessee.
- **Virginia** – Jeff Minnix delivered the Virginia Section report. He reviewed the VASITE's activities including continuing education courses held on Advanced CORSIM and Roundabout Design and Analysis.

XIII. ABD REPORT – no report

IX. FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

- 2007 – Knoxville, TN (April 22-25), Co-Chairs Hollis Loveday and Cindy Pionke encouraged everyone to attend the meeting in Knoxville. They discussed the theme of the meeting and possible technical tours.

- 2008 – Charleston, SC (March 30-April 2), Co-Chair Colin Kinton state the meeting would be at the historic Francis Marion Hotel in downtown Charleston.
- 2009 – Birmingham, Alabama – no report
- 2010 – Portsmouth, VA – no report
- 2011 – Louisiana – no report
- 2012 – North Carolina – no report
- 2013 – Kentucky – no report
- 2014 – Georgia – no report

X. OLD BUSINESS

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Resolutions of Appreciation – SDITE Vice President Kinton read resolutions of appreciation prepared for the LAC, the ABD and Consultants for their support of the meeting.
- Tellers Committee Report – Committee Chairman Scott Boyle presented the results of the election as follows:

President – Colin Kinton
 Vice-President – Craig Hanchey
 Secretary-Treasurer – Karen Mohammadi

President Steve Strength accepted the report and thanked the committee for their work. A motion was made to destroy the ballots by Bob Stammer and seconded by Bob Murphy. The motion was approved by voice vote.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steve Strength adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Craig Hanchey, SDITE Secretary-Treasurer